

PRESIDENT: Yes, it's Senator Bereuter's amendment.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, that's the one I talked to him about a little while ago and I'm going to oppose the amendment and I'll tell you why I oppose the amendment. I think Senator Bereuter has got a bill that is workable as it is without this amendment. You are exempting from his bill and from the law, the grandparents, brothers or sisters. Now I see no reason why you should exempt the immediate members of the family for the adoption investigations. If you start doing this, Senator Bereuter, you've opened up, I think you've opened up the loopholes that everybody looks for and then it will do nothing but expand from these three areas. I think you've got a good bill as you have it written as it was brought to you by the legislative Judiciary Committee. They took a lot of time in studying this issue and went through a lot of discussion. There was nobody that opposed the bill and I think that Senator Schmit has asked you some interesting questions that you have properly answered. I think that it is important that you stick with the original bill and not allow these loopholes in there Senator Bereuter as I talked to you earlier. I think that if the people in here are listening to this issue, and are paying attention to this issue they would have to agree with me that you should not exempt anyone, you should not exempt anyone from investigation for a child to be placed in a home. As Senator Schmit pointed out it is highly important that these peoples backgrounds be looked into. I don't like to come right out and say that it is going to be brothers, sisters or grandparents that would be possibly vicious to children if they want to adopt them. But, I think that through child abuse cases and child abuse laws and some of the experiences that we have had in the Judiciary Committee there is no lines of immunity from child abuse. Therefore I think that the county Judges should look into every case where these people would adopt children. I would hope, and I would hope that you would turn down this amendment and let Senator Bereuter pass the bill as it was sent to him from the Judiciary Committee, they have done a lot of study in this area and I really had hoped that Senator Bereuter would withdraw this amendment and let them try the bill as it is for a year or two. Then let them add that, if they think they should expand and give some people some exemptions in the law. I would hope that at this time though the way he has it that you would oppose his amendment and then adopt his bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte asks for the previous question. Do I see five seconds. I do. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate closes, Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, seeing the absence of support for the amendment and not being too enthused about it myself, and listening to Senator Barnett's arguments, I would close by suggesting that you follow Senator Barnett's lead.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 15 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, to make sure that I am all right with Senator Barnett, had you not called for the question